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Commissioner Jane Henney Docket No. OOP-1211/CP1 FDA Dockets Management Branch (JFA-305) 5630 Fishers Lane, Room 1061 Rockville, MD 20852

Dear Commissioner Henney:

As a consumer who is very concerned about food safety, I believe that consumers should have the choice whether or not to buy genetically engineered foods. However, in the United States, consumers are being denied that choice because there is no way of knowing at this time if a food product contains genetically engineered ingredients. We do not know if produce has been genetically engineered.

Consumers in Europe demanded and got legislation for mandatory labeling of genetically engineered foods. They have governments who are listening to the people. Unfortunately, for the most part, the U.S. government listens to big business rather than to the public.

I believe that all genetically engineered foods should be labeled and a moratorium imposed on all new GE foods until they are proven safe.

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